

# Talking Water

Tuesday 17 March 2015



Murray Irrigation

## Allocation increase

The NSW Office of Water announced yesterday a two percent increase in general security entitlements allocation. As a result, Murray Irrigation's announced allocation is now 61 percent for general security (Class C) customers.

## Season outlook 2015-16

NOW provided preliminary estimates of 2015-16 water availability for the NSW Murray. While it is difficult to predict influencing factors such as carryover and inflows based on estimated carryover of 25 percent, early estimates are for an opening general security allocation of zero percent, unless there are significant inflows. For more information, see the 'Water Resources Updates' section of our website [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au).

## Website maintenance

Murray Irrigation will be conducting website maintenance from 4.30pm this Wednesday 18 March. As a result, the customer login and *Water ordering* system will be unavailable for half an hour. We apologise for any inconvenience.

## Multiple numbers for SMS alerts

In response to customer feedback, Murray Irrigation has commenced upgrades to the *Water ordering* system to allow customers to nominate a second mobile number for all SMS alerts that the customer has subscribed to. This additional functionality is expected to be completed within the next six weeks and customers will be advised in *Talking Water*, once available.

## Rice draining reminder

Rice growers are required to complete a stormwater disposal form before discharging water from rice crops in Murray Irrigation's stormwater/drainage system. In the majority of cases no water sample will be required. The 'Application to Discharge into Drains' form is available via the 'Customers' then 'Forms' and 'General forms' section of our website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au). Any drainage inlet slides found open without approval will be closed by Murray irrigation staff without notice. This enables Murray Irrigation to monitor and control the stormwater escape system. Customers are reminded that no discharge water is permitted to enter table drains along roadways. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Fact sheet on efficiency allocations

Murray Irrigation has produced a new fact sheet on efficiency allocations, which explains what an efficiency allocation is and what considerations are made when determining efficiency allocations. To view the fact sheet, visit 'Customers' then 'Customer information' and 'Fact sheets' section of our website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au), or contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Emergency number

Customers are reminded that the Murray Irrigation emergency number (T. 1300 657 313) is for emergencies **only**. Customers should only ring this number after hours for an emergency that cannot wait until normal business hours (for example, a major channel breach, regulator failure, etc.). Regional Planning staff can be contacted via reception (T. 1300 138 265) up until 8.30pm each night. If calling outside of business hours, customers should leave a message via reception, or leave a message with their water order. These messages will be dealt with as soon as possible.

## Landholder Association meetings

Local Landholder Associations are holding meetings next week. Murray Irrigation and Murray Local Land Services will both be presenting. Dates, times, venues and contacts are as follows:

- Deniboota Landholder Association - Bunnaloo Hall, 9.00am on Wednesday 25 March. Contact Alastair Starritt M. 0429 965 357.
- Wakool Landholder Association - Wakool Services Club, 12.30pm on Wednesday 25 March. Contact David May M. 0427 539 248.
- Denimein Landholder Association - Pretty Pine Hotel, 7.00pm on Thursday 26 March. Contact Adrian Dunmore M. 0428 816 901.

## Spray technology workshop

Rice Extension is hosting two spray technology and application workshops, one at Finley on Wednesday 18 March and one at Wakool on Thursday 19 March. For full details, contact Troy Mauger on M. 0417 375 168.

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## Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 61 %  
Water Efficiency Allocation ..... 0 %  
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

## Water availability and usage

(17/03/15)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....24 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 205 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 617 GL  
(Including Off-Allocation usage of .... 3 GL)

## Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 3,577 ML  
Price Range ..... \$125 - \$160  
Buy Offer..... \$105  
Yesterday's Sales..... 637 ML  
Price Range ..... \$120 - \$126  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Water use and trade data

10/03/15 - 16/03/15  
**Murray Water Exchange activity**  
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....46; 4,883ML  
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 1; 679ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 37; 5,271ML  
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 6; 291ML  
**Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)**  
Net trade 4,925ML (week).... +94,796ML(YTD)  
**Crop weekly water use**  
ML used on farm..... 15GL (32% on rice)

## Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	5,560	10,000
Wakool Canal	742	2,350
Escape flows	2,150	3,250

## Rainfall and evaporation

10/03/15 - 16/03/15 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.0mm ..... 47.1mm  
Tullakool..... 0.0mm ..... 51.0mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....3,029 GL.....79 %  
Hume.....899 GL.....30 %  
Lake Victoria.....217 GL.....32 %  
Menindee Lakes .....96 GL.....6 %  
Active Storage.....4,241 GL.....46 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 18,653 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 9,912 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...1,779 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 255 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A  
Flow to SA..... 7,983 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 14 gates open

**Tune into 'On The Land' every  
Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521 2QN.**